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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 8/11/2023

Volume						
	This Week	Last Reported (7/31/2023)	Last Year			
Tons:						
Hay	776	1375	0			
Total	776	1375	0			
Bales:						
Hay	2227	3164	2544			
Straw	0	0	120			
Total	2227	3164	2664			

Please Note: The above volumes (tonnage, acres, and bales) listed on this USDA LPGMN report are for confirmed trades only, it does not include estimated volume (tonnage) for bids or offers to the trade.

Compared to last week: Trade activity and demand has softened. Hay trades are slow as 2nd cutting is well underway across the state. Areas that have received a lot of rain since mid May have created challenges in putting up hay that will test. Later cut alfalfa with low test is going to be moving into the grinder markets. Producers have struggled to put up hay without any rain on it. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor's High Plains Summary for August 8, 2023, Above normal precipitation since the beginning of July and a lack of support from the long-term indicators led to a 1-category improvement to west-central Nebraska and bordering areas of Kansas. Recent beneficial precipitation also resulted in improving conditions across parts of the Dakotas and Wyoming. Short-term drought was expanded across northeast North Dakota which remained to the north of the storm track. The lack of Monsoon rainfall this summer resulted in the addition of short-term drought to southwestern Colorado. According to Colorado Crop Progress report Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting is 76% complete and 3rd cutting is 14% compete.

Mountains and Northwest CO							
Hay (Conventional)							
Grass - Premium (Trade/Per Ton)							
	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age	
Large Square 3x4	84	280.00	280.00	F.O.BStables	1st Cutting	New Crop	
Grass - Good (Trade/Per Ton)							
	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age	
Large Square 3x4	84	200.00	200.00	F.O.BFeedlot/dairy	1st Cutting	New Crop	

Northeast						
Hay (Conventional)						
Alfalfa - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age
Small Square	480	12.00	12.00	F.O.BStables	1st Cutting	New Crop

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Grass - (Trade/Per Bale)						
	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age
Small Square	1000	10.00	10.00	F.O.BStables	1st Cutting	New Crop
			San L	uis Valley		
				nventional)		
Alfalfa - Premium/Supr	eme (Trac	de/Per Ton)				
	Qty	<u>Price Range</u>	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age
Large Square 4x4	500	260.00	260.00	F.O.BFeedlot/dairy	2nd Cutting	New Crop
			Hay ((Organic)		
Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Prer	nium (Tra	ade/Per Ton)				
	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age
Large Square 3x4	108	250.00	250.00	F.O.BStables	1st Cutting	New Crop
			Sou	utheast		
			Hay (Co	nventional)		
Prairie/Meadow Grass	- Premiun	n (Trade/Per Bale)				
	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age
Small Square	27	12.00	12.00	F.O.BStables	1st Cutting	New Crop
Small Square	300	11.00	11.00	F.O.BStables	1st Cutting	Old Crop
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			Sou	uthwost		
Southwest						
Hay (Conventional)						
Alfalfa - Premium/Supr			\	Fraight/Has	Description	C
Small Square 3 Tie	<u>Qty</u> 420	Price Range 20.00	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u> F.O.BStables	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age
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Alfalfa - Premium/Supreme (Ask/Per Bale)						
	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age
Small Square 3 Tie		15.00-240.00		F.O.BStables		

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